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Good morning, Senator Larson, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. I am Bill Youell, Director of DESPP's Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications. Thank you for raising one of the Departments legislative proposals which is before you today- Senate Bill 1071-An Act Concerning the Division of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection strongly supports this important piece of legislation.

**S.B. 1071-An Act Concerning the Division of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications.**

This bill: 1) updates the 9-1-1 statutes required to bring them into alignment with national standards, particularly "Next-Generation 9-1-1"; 2) updates foundational language dating from the beginning of 9-1-1 in our state; 3) updates the duties of DSET to reflect the deregulation of the telecommunications industry as well as the technological changes that have occurred; 4) changes all references to the "Office of State-Wide Telecommunication" to "Division of State-Wide Telecommunications to conform to current practice.

With the Department readying the rollout of the Next Generation 9-1-1 system, this legislation will provide the statutory foundation for this system.

Thank you and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.